

In the Gospel We Receive Assurance

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Will God remove His love from us? _____! (vs 31-32)

God has demonstrated He is fully _____ to the _____ associated with loving us.

Can we remove God's love from us? _____! (v 33)

God has _____ us in Christ so that we cannot _____ ourselves from God's love.

Can Satan remove God's love from us? _____! (vs 33-34)

In the Gospel, even Satan cannot _____ the _____ of our relationship with God.

Can anything else remove God's love from us? _____! (vs 35-39)

The _____ of our _____ is not enough to _____ believers from the love of God.

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

*"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."*

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: What do you feel uncertain about in life?

Read: Romans 8:31-39

Discuss:

1. What comes to mind when you hear the phrase "God is for us" (v. 31)? Why is this sometimes difficult for us to believe? What should convince us of this truth?
2. How would you explain the logic of verse 32? What are some of the additional things we can count on from God when Paul indicates we can trust God to "graciously give us all things" (v. 32)? What might be some complimentary verses which support and clarify the intent of this statement?
3. In verse 33, Paul asks, "Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?" Yet, often we bring charges against ourselves. In what ways do we do this? How have you also felt accusations from the enemy or from others? What does Paul want us to remember to help us overcome all these charges?
4. How do the listed truths in verse 34 provide comfort to us as believers? Reflecting on other biblical examples, how should we envision Jesus' intercession on our behalf? (*For example, consider John 17; Luke 22:32; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1.*) What are a few areas in which you currently need Jesus' intercession? Take a minute and praise God for the intercession Jesus does make on our behalf.
5. How might the circumstances listed in verse 35 cause us to think or feel we have experienced separation from God's love? *Read Psalm 44:18-26.* Why might Paul include this quote of verse 22 as a compliment to the list which precedes it? How could verse 37 provide us with overpowering hope against such threats?
6. Paul boldly states in verses 38-39 he is sure nothing can separate us from God's love. How does your confidence (or lack of it) in this truth increase or decrease your intimacy with God?

Apply: Where can the assurance of God's love make a difference in your life? What Scriptures might you memorize that could remind you why you can be confident in His love?

Pray: Pray for one another to experience the daily presence of the assurance Paul speaks of here. Pray by name for people you know who need to come through the door of faith into this Gospel assurance.